

JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR. MAYOR City of Charleston
South Carolina

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City of Charleston offices to close Friday for Day of Mourning

(June 20, 2007, Charleston, SC) — Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. has declared Friday, June 22, 2007, a Day of Mourning in honor of the nine firefighters killed in Monday's fire.

All City offices will be closed, with the exception of Recreation facilities, Public Safety offices and Municipal Court. The Fire Department stations also will be operational, but stations will be staffed by outside fire agencies. All recreation programs will go on as scheduled.

At 8 a.m. Friday, a processional of fire agency vehicles from the immediate area and other jurisdictions from throughout the country will begin in downtown Charleston and travel through West Ashley to the North Charleston Coliseum, 5001 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston. Their arrival will be immediately followed by a 10 a.m. memorial service at the Coliseum.

The S.C. Firefighters' Association is coordinating the memorial service in conjunction with the City of Charleston.

Inquires about the service should be directed to the Association's 24-hour toll free hotline = 1-888-915-3010.

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